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| Art Unit: 2879       | Title: CERAMIC ARC TUBE BY ANNEALING |                             |

To the Commissioner for Patents:

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED |                                  |       |                                    |                             |      |                 |
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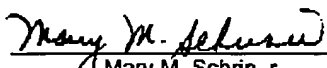
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